

REMARKS

Status of the claims:

With the above amendment, claim 5 has been amended. No new matter has been added by way of the above amendment. Claim 5 has simply been amended to recite "methyl, ethyl, and isopropyl" instead of "methoxy, ethoxy, isopropoxy".

Moreover, the Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species (a-1) as appears in claim 1 and claims 2-8, and

Species (a-2) as appears in claim 1 and claims 9-10.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species (a-1), as appears in claim 1 and claims 2-8 and in particular Applicants elect the species that is Synthesis Example 1 and Example 1 in the written description (on pages 22-24 and pages 31-32 of the written description). This election is made with traverse.

The basis of the traversal is that it would not be an undue burden on the Examiner to examine both of the above species in the same application.

With the above remarks and amendments and the amendments and remarks in connection with the reply of June 27, 2003, it is believed that the claims, as they now stand, define patentable subject matter such that passage of the instant invention to

allowance is warranted. A Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

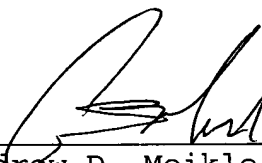
Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact T. Benjamin Schroeder (Reg. No. 50,990) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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